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TO: SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY
REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: NANCY M. TAKADE
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RE: **June 8, 2011 BRC Meeting – Agenda Item No. 6:
Consideration of Plan A1 - Benchmark Redistricting Plan**

To assist the Committee in its review of proposed redistricting plans, the following is a summary of Plan A1 - Benchmark Redistricting Plan.

1. Plan Summary: The Benchmark Redistricting Plan (Benchmark) consists of the current supervisorial boundaries as adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors following the 2001 decennial redistricting process. Countywide, the Benchmark consists of 2,837 redistricting units (RDUs), which makes up 288 whole or partial communities. A list of communities consisting of cities and unincorporated areas in the County can be found on pages 27 – 30 of the *Report on Benchmark Redistricting Plan*.

The County's current population is 9,818,605 based on the Census Bureau's 2010 Census: Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data. This represents an increase of 299,267 people since completion of the last decennial redistricting process in 2001. Total population figures per district and countywide, can be found at page 4 of the *Report on Benchmark Redistricting Plan*. The relevant page is included here as Attachment 1.

Most of the population growth in the County over the last 10 years has occurred in the Fifth District. The Fifth District has a current population of 2,088,786 people, indicating an increase of 175,898 people since 2001.

In terms of population increase since 2001, the Fifth District is followed by the Third, Second, and Fourth Districts. The Third District has increased by 59,188 people, for a current population of 1,971,921 people. The

Second District has increased by 42,958 people, for a current population of 1,944,948 people. The Fourth District has increased by 33,671 people, for a current population of 1,919,949.

The First District has not increased in population since 2001. Following completion of the decennial redistricting process in 2001, the First District's population was 1,905,449 people. Since that time, the district's population has decreased by 12,448 people, and has a current population of 1,893,001.

2. Population Deviation: The total population deviation in the Benchmark is 9.97%.

3. Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP): The CVAP information per district is summarized on page 23 of the *Report on Benchmark Redistricting Plan*. The relevant page is included here as Attachment 2.

4. Incumbency: The Benchmark reflects that all five current supervisors live in the district that they hold office.

5. Contiguity/Compactness: All five supervisorial districts are currently contiguous and are reasonably compact.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (213) 974-1891.

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c: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

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ATTACHMENT 1

Total Population by Race/Ethnicity: DOJ Categories

This benchmark plan distributes the County's Total Population per 2010 Census as shown below.

DISTRICT	Total Population per 2010 Census		Total Population by Race/Ethnicity - Department of Justice (DOJ) Categories							
	COUNT	DEV. %	Hispanic (All Races)	Not Hispanic White (Single Race)	NH African American or NH African American/White	NH Asian or NH Asian/White	NH American Indian or NH American Indian/White	NH Pacific Islander or NH Pacific Islander/White	NH Some Other Race or NH Some Other Race/White	NH Other Multiple-Races (where more than 1 minority race is listed)
1	1,893,001	-3.6%	1,421,032	146,954	40,392	270,038	4,468	1,714	3,617	4,786
2	1,944,948	-1.0%	1,055,049	202,556	465,172	187,234	4,465	7,693	7,994	14,785
3	1,971,921	0.4%	746,485	903,651	78,607	216,232	6,868	3,486	7,360	9,232
4	1,919,949	-2.2%	805,821	596,206	129,511	350,257	8,517	11,585	5,427	12,625
5	2,088,786	6.4%	659,502	878,954	131,234	387,025	9,969	3,804	6,550	11,748
TOTALS:	9,818,605		4,687,889	2,728,321	844,916	1,410,786	34,287	28,282	30,948	53,176
IDEAL:	1,963,721									
TOTAL DEVIATION		9.97%								

IDEAL = County's population divided by 5, the number of districts.

TOTAL DEVIATION (Deviation Range) = The spread between the district-level population deviation percentages.

NOTES:

1. The data source for this table is the Census Bureau's 2010 Census: Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data.
2. The **Total Population** column depicts each person being counted only once - even multi-race persons.
3. The **DEV. %** column indicates the percentage that each district's population would deviate, over or under, from an IDEAL district population total.
4. The Department of Justice defined a set of 8 exclusive race/ethnicity population categories; persons are counted once in their applicable DOJ category.
5. The **COUNT** columns contain population totals for each district, and for DOJ categories within each district.
6. The **%** columns contain population percentages for each DOJ category within each district. **TIP:** Read these percentages across.
7. American Indian population includes Alaska Native; Pacific Islander population includes Native Hawaiian.

ATTACHMENT 2

Voting Age Citizen by DOJ Race/Ethnicity Categories from American Community Survey

This benchmark plan distributes the County's Voting Age Citizen Population per ACS data shown below.

DISTRICT	Voting Age Citizen by Race/Ethnicity - Department of Justice (DOJ) Categories																	
	Voting Age Citizen per 2010 Census		Hispanic (All Races)		Not Hispanic (NH) White (Single Race)		NH African American or NH African American/White		NH Asian or NH Asian/White		NH American Indian or NH American Indian/White		NH Pacific Islander or NH Pacific Islander/White		NH Some Other Race or NH Some Other Race/White		NH Other Multiple-Races (where more than 1 minority reach is listed)	
	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%
1	883,466	63.3	559,458	14.0	123,287	3.6	31,467	18.2	160,508	3.093	4.4	1,293	0.1	1,280	0.1	3,080	0.3	100
2	948,346	33.6	318,713	17.3	164,218	36.5	346,287	10.5	99,128	3,086	0.3	4,792	0.5	2,822	0.3	9,300	1.0	100
3	1,196,151	23.8	284,524	59.5	711,678	5.0	59,566	10.3	123,394	4,958	0.4	2,558	0.2	3,213	0.3	6,260	0.5	100
4	1,179,308	31.6	372,249	41.8	493,220	7.8	91,471	16.9	199,034	6,221	0.5	7,001	0.6	2,723	0.2	7,389	0.6	100
5	1,344,361	24.7	331,689	50.6	679,700	6.8	91,269	16.5	221,231	7,169	0.5	2,613	0.2	3,333	0.2	7,357	0.5	100
TOTALS	5,551,632	33.6	1,866,633	39.1	2,172,103	11.2	620,060	14.5	803,295	24,527	0.4	18,257	0.3	13,371	0.2	33,386	0.6	100

NOTES:

1. The data source for the percentages of the voting age citizen population by Race/Ethnicity in this table is the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is an ongoing statistical survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, sent to approximately 250,000 addresses monthly (or 3 million per year). ACS estimates are based on data collected from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009, and are not 2010 Census data. The percentages of the voting age citizen population by Race/Ethnicity from the ACS were applied to the 2010 Census counts of the voting age population at the census block level to obtain estimates of the voting age citizen population by Race/Ethnicity as of April 1, 2010.
2. The **Voting Age Citizen** column depicts each citizen, age 18 and older, being counted only once - even multi-race persons.
3. The Department of Justice defined a set of 8 exclusive race/ethnicity population categories; persons are counted once in their applicable DOJ category.
4. The **COUNT** columns contain voting age citizen population totals for each district, and for DOJ categories within each district.
5. The % columns contain voting age citizen population percentages for each DOJ category within each district. TIP: Read these percentages across.
6. American Indian population includes Alaska Native; Pacific Islander population includes Native Hawaiian.